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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AT PEAK

1.UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ROSE SLIGHTLY
IN JANUARY COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR,ACCORDING
TO AN EC COMMISSION REPORT RELEASED FEB. 24.

2.THE REPORT ESTIMATES THAT IN JANUARY 1977 THE NUMBER
OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY REACHED A
RECORD HIGH OF 5,896,000,COMPARED TO 5,658,000 A YEAR
EARLIER.DURING THAT PERIOD REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT
AMONG MEN REMAINED ALMOST STABLE (RISING BY ONLY ONE PER CENT),
BUT INCREASED BY 200,000,OR TEN PER CENT,AMONG WOMEN.
HOWEVER,IN THE ONE-MONTH PERIOD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1976
UNEMPLOYED ROSE BY 413,000,MALE UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED
BY TEN PER CENT,COMPARED TO THREE PER CENT FOR WOMEN.

3.THE REPORT COMPILED BY THE EC STATISTICAL OFFICE,
CONTAINS NO SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA FOR JANUARY 1977,
BUT DOES HAVE A GRAPH SHOWING SUCH DATA FOR 1976 AND
EARLIER.THE REPORT INTERPRETS THE GRAPH AS SHOWING
A " GENERAL TREND.. TOWARDS A SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE
OF INCREASE,THOUGH THE LEVEL STILL REMAINS HIGH." THE
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYED FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1976
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IS GIVEN AS 5.2 MILLION,COMPARED TO APPROXIMATELY 5.1
MILLION A YEAR EARLIER.

4.WHILE THE EC STATISTICAL OFFICE HAS PARTLY STANDARDIZED
THE DATA FOR THE NINE COUNTRIES,IT WARNS THAT " COMPLETE
COMPARABILITY IS NOT POSSIBLE," AND THAT THE INFORMATION
IS " MAINLY INTENDED FOR STUDIES OF TRENDS." THE WARNING IS

PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE TO INTER-COUNTRY COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.FROM THE DATA IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE RELATIVE AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN GERMANY AND FRANCE,FOR EXAMPLE,ARE ABOUT THE SAME,SINCE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY 1977 IS 4.8 PER CENT FOR GERMANY AND 4.9 PER CENT FOR FRANCE,BUT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW.(ACCORDING TO AN EC EXPERT,GERMANY'S COUNT OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTS TRUE UNEMPLOYMENT THAN DOES FRANCE'S .)

5.MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN INTER-COUNTRY COMPARISONS ARE THESE TRENDS WITHIN EACH CUNTRY: BETWEEN JANUARY 1976 AND JANUARY 1977 REGISTERED UNEMPLOYEMENT DROPPED BY 8 PER CENT IN GERMANY AND 6 PER CENT IN HOLLAND,BUT INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN BELGIUM, 15 PER CENT IN DENMARK, 7 PER CENT IN ITALY, 11 PER CENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, 5 PER CENT IN FRANCE,AND 3 PER CENT IN IRELAND. UN EMPLOYED REGISTERED AT EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

(000'S OMITTED)

	JAN 1977	JAN 1976
BELGIUM	T 292. (7.5 PER CENT)	252.0 (6.4 PER CENT)
	M 121.3	117.5
	F 171.2	134.5
DENMARK	T 169.3 (6.9 PER CENT)	147.1 (6 PER CENT)
	M 105.0	103.7
	F 64.3	43.4
FRANCE	T 1,068.4 (4.9 PER CENT)	1,017.4 (4.7 PER CENT)
	M 497.9,	506.9
	F 570.5	510.4

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GERMANY	T1,248.9 (4.8 PER CENT)	1,351.0 (5.2 PER CENT)
	M 699.5	794.5
	F 549.4	556.5
HOLLAND	T 225.8 (4.8 PER CENT)	238.7 (5 PER CENT)
	M 170.6	189.0
	F 55.2	49.4
IRELAND	T 116.1 (10.4 PER CENT)	112.9 (10.1 PER CENT)
	M 93.3	91.9
	F 22.8	21.1
ITALY	T 1,326.3# (6.8# PER CENT)	1,235.1 (6.3 PER CENT)
	M 866.0	769.4
	F 460.2#	465.7
LUXEMBOURG	T 0.7 (0.5 PER CENT)	0.5 (0.3 PER CENT)
	M 0.5	0.4
	F 0.3	0.1
UNITED		
KINGDOM	T1,448.2 (5.7 PER CENT)	1,303.1 (5.1 PER CENT)
	M 1.074.1	1.017.4
	F 374.1	285.8

EUR-9 T5,896# (5.6 PER CENT) 5,658 (5.4 PER CENT)

M3,628# 3,591

F 2,268# 2,067

NOTE: FIGURES WITH HASHMARKS (#) ARE ESTIMATES. PERCENTAGES
IN PARENTHESES ARE TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (REGISTERED
UNEMPLOYED AS PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN WORKING POPULATION NO
MALE OR FEMALE RATES PROVIDED IN REPORT.
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